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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 4: SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS
OF 1500 EDT AUGUST 15

1. MILITARY SITUATION IN CYPRUS: IN A PUBLIC ANNOUNCE-
MENT, THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF CLAIMED THAT ALL THE
SUBURBS OF FAMAGUSTA HAVE BEEN TAKEN, THE TOWN CENTER
SURROUNDED, AND THE IMMEDIATE COAST BROUGHT UNDER FULL
CONTROL. IT ALSO SAID THE TURKISH DRIVE TO THE WEST WAS
DEVELOPING SPEEDILY. GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH FORCES
CONTINUED TO EXCHANGE FIRE IN AND AROUND NICOSIA. THE

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TURKS CONTINUE TO SURROUND THE NICOSIA AIRPORT, BUT THE

AIRPORT ITSELF CONTINUES UNDER UN CONTROL. THE UN COMMANDER HAS ASKED US TO MAKE A DEMARCHE IN BOTH ATHENS AND ANKARA IN SUPPORT OF HIS EFFORTS TO RESTORE A CEASEFIRE AND STANDSTILL IN NICOSIA.

2. UN: THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS POSTPONED AGAIN UNTIL LATER THIS AFTERNOON. THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OF CYPRUS TOLD AMBASSADOR DAVIES THAT THE CYPRUS UN REPRESENTATIVE ROSSIDES HAD NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT THE SOVIET IDEA OF A SPECIAL UN MISSION TO CYPRUS AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE WHEN THE AMBASSADOR QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT ROSSIDES' ACTION.

3. GREECE: PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS WILL SPEAK TO THE NATION AT 10:00 P.M. (1600 WASHINGTON TIME). ATHENS REMAINED QUIET AS A FOUR-DAY WEEKEND BEGAN. THE AIRPORT WAS OPEN AND OPERATING AT NEARLY NORMAL LEVELS. TWO ORDERLY DEMONSTRATIONS INVOLVING LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS TOOK PLACE. LEFTIST LEADER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU WAS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO ATHENS TODAY. AMBASSADOR TASCA BELIEVES THE GREEK GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM NATO WITHOUT REALIZING THE FULL IMPACT OF THIS DECISION AND THAT A BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP SECURING OUR BASE RIGHTS MAY BE POSSIBLE.

4. TURKEY: FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT CLAIMED THAT THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTED A CYPRUS STATE CONSISTING OF TWO AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS FOUNDED ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS. ON THIS SAME SUBJECT, THE DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN REFERRED TO PREVIOUS US STATEMENTS AND SAID THAT AUTONOMY FOR TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES COULD BE ONE MEANS OF ASSURING THEIR PROTECTION AND WELL BEING. THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT TURKEY "RECEIVES" UNITED STATES POLICY "WITH GREAT SATISFACTION." TURKISH AIRPORTS HAVE BEEN REOPENED. THE ONLY INCIDENT TO MAR A GENERALLY QUIET ATMOSPHERE WAS A SMALL DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN ISTANBUL. THE TURKISH PRESS
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IS VOICING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

CYPRUS: ACCORDING TO EMBASSY NICOSIA, PRESIDENT CLERIDES DID NOT RECEIVE AN ENDORSEMENT FROM LEADERS OF ALL GREEK CYPRIOT SECTORS WHEN HE MET WITH THEM IN EMERGENCY SESSION. AT THE SAME TIME, NO LEADER EXPLICITLY OPPOSED HIS POSITION THAT FACTS MUST BE FACED AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TURKS RESUMED.

AMBASSADOR DAVIES SPECULATES THAT THOS AT THE MEETING
WERE PREPARED TO LET CLERIDES MAKE THE DIFFICULT
DECISIONS HE MUST NOW MAKE AND TAKE THE RAP FOR
THEM. AMBASSADOR DAVIES ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE OUT-
LOOK FOR CYPRUS IS NOT ENCOURAGING. HE THOUGHT A
CEASEFIRE NOT LIKELY TO HOLD AND THAT THE TURKS WOULD
FACE A CONSIDERABLE GUERRILLA PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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